

New Hope Christian Church's COVID-19 BBQ

COVID-19 NBA Response Grantee

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Like many churches, New Hope Christian Church in Camden, Mississippi was affected by COVID-19 pandemic almost immediately. Members of this rural community and congregation lost their jobs, schools were closed with little to no virtual options, and the elderly population was running low on food.

In response, New Hope brainstormed ways that they could support their community. They partnered with other local churches in the area and took stock of what they could offering during this difficult time. The congregation also applied and was granted a [COVID-19 NBA Response Grant](#).

This funding helped the members of New Hope plan a city-wide, socially distanced barbeque for the Camden community. The goal, to show strength and resilience and give the community hope, and to feed hungry people. So, in June they hosted a barbecue, and they spread the word via social media and flyers around town. Below are the photos the congregation shared with NBA from their event.



Sign reads: New Hope Christian Church COVID-19 Church/Community Support Ministry. Free BBQ!



NBA is thankful to be able to provide funding that supports and offers reprieve to communities across the United States and in Canada. If your ministry has been affected by the COVID-19 crisis, consider applying for an COVID-19 NBA Response Grant. Learn more at nbacares.org/covid-19-grants.

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